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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S AND DR. KISSINGER'S EUROPEAN TRAVEL

PLANS -- DECLARATION OF ATLANTIC PRINCIPLES

1. SPECULATIVE AUGUST 17 WASHINGTON DATELINED WIRE
SERVICE STORIES REPORTED PRESIDENT NIXON WILL TRAVEL TO
EUROPE IN NOVEMBER EXPECTING TO SIGN A DOCUMENT THERE ON
THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE AND THAT DR. KISSINGER IS PLANNING
A EUROPEAN TRIP NEXT MONTH.

2. EXCERPTS OF WHITE HOUSE AUGUST 17 PRESS BRIEFING FOLLOW

"Q: HAS THE TIME FOR THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO EUROPE
BEEN SET FOR NOVEMBER?

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MR. WARREN: THERE IS NOTHING FIRM ON THE PRESIDENT'S

TRIP TO EUROPE. THERE HAVE BEEN NO FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS AND PLANS FOR THAT TRIP. PLANS WILL NOT BE MADE, AND YOU SHOULD NOT EXPECT ANYTHING FIRM, UNTIL AFTER THE EUROPEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN COPENHAGEN NEXT MONTH. I THINK THAT MEETING IS ON SEPTEMBER 10."

" Q: IS CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN TO DR. KISSINGER GOING TO THAT MEETING?

MR. WARREN: I KNOW OF NO -- NO, HE IS NOT CONSIDERING GOING TO THAT MEETING.

Q: IS HE GOING TO BRUSSELS?

MR. WARREN: DR. KISSINGER WAS THE SUBJECT OF THE PREVIOUS QUESTION, AND HE IS ALSO THE SUBJECT OF THIS QUESTION. HE HAS ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO ADDRESS A MEETING OF THE ATLANTIC TREATY ASSOCIATION, WHICH IS A NON-GOVERNMENTAL GROUP, IN BRUSSELS ON SEPTEMBER 10. IT IS NOT CLEAR AT THIS TIME WHETHER HE WILL BE ABLE TO FULFILL THAT COMMITMENT. HE WANTS TO DO THAT, AND IF HE DOES, HE WOULD NOT PLAN TO VISIT ANY OTHER EUROPEAN CAPITALS OR COUNTRIES. THERE WAS SOME STORY I HEARD AND HAD A QUERY ON THE OTHER DAY ABOUT HIM MAKING A TOUR OF EUROPE, BUT THAT IS NOT IN THE PLANS."

3. FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND BACKGROUND USE: ONE STORY REPORTED, AFTER TALKING OF A PRESIDENTIAL TRIP IN NOVEMBER, THAT A PROPOSED DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES "DEFINITELY WILL BE READY" BY THE TIME OF THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP. NO QUESTION ON SUCH A PROPOSED DECLARATION WAS RAISED AT THE AUGUST 17 WHITE HOUSE BRIEFING BUT IF IT HAD, THE ANSWER WOULD HAVE BEEN TO THE EFFECT THAT IN CONSULTATION WITH OUR EUROPEAN ALLIES WE ARE EXCHANGING IDEAS WITH RESPECT TO A DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES BUT WE CANNOT PUT ANY TIME FRAME ON THE PACE AND PROGRESS OF THIS CONSULTATIVE PROCESS. ROGERS
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